

PTA USE OF CHANGING ROOMS AND SHOWERING FACILITIES POLICY

Portsmouth Tennis Academy (PTA) strives to ensure that all children are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience.

This document sets out the PTA policy for the acceptable use of our changing rooms.

1. PTA possesses just one male and one female changing room; there is no separate provision to segregate adults and children in each gender. If adults and children both need to make use of the changing rooms, they must do so separately. This includes use of the toilets and is especially relevant to the male changing room, where there is an open urinal.
2. Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers change or shower at the same time as children using the changing rooms. If an adult approaches either changing room and it is apparent that it is occupied by a child or children, then they must wait until the child/children have vacated. There is a separate disabled toilet, that could be used by an adult in this situation.
3. Mixed gender groups of children will have access to separate changing rooms, or use the same changing room but at different times.
4. If we are made aware that a child or adult self-identifies as a gender that differs from the gender they were assigned at birth, we will work with them and their parents/carers (where it relates to a child) to make reasonable adjustments to changing arrangements to suit their needs.
5. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms.
6. For younger children, a DBS checked member of staff will wait outside the changing rooms to allow children to call for assistance if required.